

### REMARKS

The specification has been amended to claim priority and add reference to an earlier filed PCT application as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2).

It is believed that no fee is due. Should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11951.0010.PCUS00.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (713) 787-1438 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia A. Kammerer  
Reg. No. 29,775  
Attorney for Assignee  
MONSANTO EUROPE S.A.

**Customer No. 45607**  
HOWREY SIMON ARNOLD & WHITE, LLP  
2941 Fairview Park Drive, Box 7  
Falls Church, VA 22042  
713 787 1400 (phone)  
703.336.6950 (fax)

Date: April 7, 2005